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**Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics,  
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Determination of antiviral activity  
of semiconducting photocatalytic  
materials under indoor lighting  
environment — Test method using  
bacteriophage Q-beta**

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## Introduction

This International Standard applies to testing the antiviral activity of indoor-light-active photocatalytic ceramics and other materials produced by either coating or mixing of a light-active photocatalyst. The International Standard for testing the antibacterial activity of photocatalytic materials has been published as ISO 27447 and the International Standard for testing the antibacterial activity of indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials has been published as ISO 17094. The International Standard for determination of antiviral activity of semiconducting photocatalytic materials has also been published as ISO 18061.

The test method for cloths or textiles is not included in this International Standard because of lack of indoor-light-active photocatalytic cloths or textiles. When the indoor-light-active photocatalytic cloths or textiles with antiviral activity using indoor-light-active photocatalytic activity have been developed, a test method for indoor-light-active photocatalytic cloths or textiles will be proposed with the glass adhesion method in ISO 27447.

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# Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Determination of antiviral activity of semiconducting photocatalytic materials under indoor lighting environment — Test method using bacteriophage Q-beta

**WARNING** — Only personnel trained in microbiological techniques should carry out tests.

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the determination of the antiviral activity of materials that contain indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials or have indoor-light-active photocatalytic films on the surface by a test method that measures the infectivity titre of bacteriophage Q-beta after illumination with indoor light.

**NOTE** In the test method, the surrogate microbe is bacteriophage Q-beta, intended as a model for influenza viruses.

This International Standard is intended for use with different kinds of indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials used in construction materials, in flat sheet, board or plate shape that are the basic forms of materials for various applications. It does not include powder, granular or porous indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials.

This International Standard is applicable to indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials produced for an antiviral applications. Other types of performance of indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials, i.e. antibacterial activity, antifungal activity, decomposition of water contaminants, self-cleaning, antifogging and air purification, are not determined by this method.

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## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 14605, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Light source for testing semiconducting photocatalytic materials used under indoor lighting environment*

ISO 27447, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Test method for antibacterial activity of semiconducting photocatalytic materials*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **photocatalyst**

substance that carries out many functions based on oxidization and reduction reactions under photoirradiation, including decomposition and removal of air and water contaminants, deodorization, and antiviral, antibacterial, antifungal, self-cleaning and antifogging actions

3.2

**indoor-light-active photocatalyst**

substance that reacts with artificial light source for general lighting service (i.e. indoor lighting environment)

3.3

**indoor lighting environment**

environment with artificial light source for general lighting service

Note 1 to entry: Does not include sunlight.

3.4

**indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials**

materials in which or on which the indoor-light-active photocatalyst is added by coating, impregnation, mixing, etc.

3.5

**antiviral**

condition decreasing the infectivity of viruses on the surface of materials

3.6

**bacteriophage**

type of virus which infects bacteria

Note 1 to entry: The bacteriophage used in this International Standard is Q-beta that is one of F-specific RNA phages. The bacteriophage Q-beta is not pathogenic to humans and animals, but serves to simulate Influenza viruses that are pathogenic to humans.

3.7

**plaque**

visible, clear area which is theoretically the result of infection and lysis of host cells by a single viable bacteriophage

3.8

**indoor-light-active photocatalyst antiviral activity value**

difference between the logarithms of the total number of bacteriophage plaques on photocatalytic treated materials after indoor light illumination and on non-treated materials after indoor light illumination

Note 1 to entry: This value includes the decrease of number of bacteriophage plaques without indoor light illumination.

3.9

**indoor-light-active photocatalyst antiviral activity value for indoor light illumination**

difference between the logarithms of the total number of bacteriophage plaques on photocatalytic treated materials after indoor light illumination and on photocatalytic treated materials kept in a dark place

**4 Symbols**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $A$       | average of titre of bacteriophage on non-treated specimens, just after inoculation   |
| $B_D$     | average of titre of bacteriophage on non-treated specimens, after being kept in a dark place                                 |
| $B_{F-L}$ | average of titre of bacteriophage on non-treated specimens, after indoor light illumination of intensity L under condition F |
| $C_D$     | average of titre of bacteriophage on indoor-light-active photocatalytic treated specimens, after being kept in a dark place  |



|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $C_{F-L}$  | average of titre of bacteriophage on indoor-light-active photocatalytic treated specimens, after indoor light illumination of intensity $L$ under condition $F$                 |
| $D_F$      | dilution factor   |
| $F$        | type of UV cut-off condition (condition A or condition B)   |
| $L$        | illuminance of indoor light   |
| Logmax     | maximum logarithmic value of titre of bacteriophage   |
| Logmean    | average logarithmic value of titre of bacteriophage for three non-treated specimens   |
| Logmin     | minimum logarithmic value of titre of bacteriophage   |
| $N$        | titre of bacteriophage (plaque forming unit)  |
| $V_D$      | antiviral activity value without indoor-light-active photocatalyst, after being kept in a dark place on a testing material  |
| $V_{F-L}$  | indoor-light-active photocatalyst antiviral activity value, after indoor light illumination at a constant intensity ( $F-L$ ) on an indoor-light-active photocatalytic material |
| $\Delta V$ | indoor-light-active photocatalyst antiviral activity value with indoor light illumination   |
| $Z$        | average number of plaques in two Petri dishes   |

## 5 Principle

The test method is suitable for use in development, comparison, quality assurance, characterization, reliability and design data generation of indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials. The method is used to obtain the antiviral activity of indoor-light-active photocatalytic materials by the contact of a specimen with bacteriophage under indoor lighting condition. The method is suitable for use with flat sheet, board or plate-shaped materials.

The specimen of indoor-light-active photocatalytic treated material is inoculated with bacteriophage suspension and exposed to light for a specified period. Following exposure, the test suspension is removed and measured by the plaque forming method with *Escherichia coli* which is sensitive to bacteriophage Q-beta. The results obtained are compared with those obtained from inoculated specimens of non-photocatalytic treated material exposed to light under identical conditions to the treated material and to those obtained from inoculated specimens of both photocatalytic treated and non-treated material kept in the dark for the same period of time.

**NOTE** This International Standard is adapted from the common methodological concept for ISO 18061. Namely, the same apparatus without light source (see 7.6), UV sharp cut-off filter (see 7.7), and test piece size, similar procedure and calculation are adapted between this International Standard and ISO 18061. Therefore, ISO 18061 is recommended to be used as reference during actual test of this International Standard.

## 6 Materials

### 6.1 Strains and preparation for tests

#### 6.1.1 Strains

The strains to be used in the test shall be the same as or equivalent to those described in [Table 1](#) and supplied by an entity that is registered under the World Federation for Culture Collections or the Japan Society for Culture Collections. Aseptic manipulations using microorganisms can be performed in an appropriate safety cabinet.

**Table 1 — Bacteriophage and bacteria strains to be used in test**

| Species                 | Strain number | Organization for the collection                              |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Bacteriophage Q-beta    | ATCC 23631-B1 | American Type Culture Collection                             |
|                         | DSM 13768     | German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ) |
|                         | NBRC 20012    | NITE Biological Resource Center                              |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> | ATCC 23631    | American Type Culture Collection                             |
|                         | DSM 5210      | German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ) |
|                         | NBRC 106373   | NITE Biological Resource Center                              |

NOTE ATCC23631-B1 and NBRC20012 are not strictly same, but they are from the same origin.

### 6.1.2 Bacteria preparation

- Inoculate *E. coli* strain into a slant culture medium (6 ml to 10 ml of LB agar; see 6.2.6), incubate for 16 h to 24 h at  $(37 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$  and then store in the refrigerator at  $5 ^\circ\text{C}$  to  $10 ^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Repeat subcultures within 1 month by replicating this process.
- The slant culture shall not be used for further storing after 1 month.
- The maximum number of subcultures from the original strain transferred by culture collection is 10.

NOTE In the case of bacteria stored in a deep freezer, the maximum number of subcultures from original strain transferred by culture collection is 10.

### 6.1.3 Bacteriophage preparation

- Introduce 25 ml of LB broth with calcium (see 6.2.4) into a conical flask of 300 ml and inoculate with *E. coli* strain.
- Incubate for  $(18 \pm 2)$  h at  $(37 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$  while shaking at  $(110 \pm 10) \text{ min}^{-1}$ .
- Pre-warm 25 ml of LB broth with calcium (see 6.2.4) in a 300 ml conical flask to  $35 ^\circ\text{C}$  to  $37 ^\circ\text{C}$  and inoculate with 0,025 ml of the culture prepared under b).
- Incubate as above condition until a bacterial concentration will be reached at  $(2,0 \pm 1,0) \times 10^8$  cfu/ml.

This procedure should be carried out several times to establish the relationship between turbidity measurements and colony counts. If sufficient data have been obtained, further work can be based on turbidity measurements only.

- Inoculate the bacterial culture with Q-beta from a stock solution to a final concentration of approximately  $2 \times 10^7$  pfu (plaque forming unit)/ml [multiplicity of infection (m.o.i.) is approximately 0,1].
- Incubate the inoculated bacterial culture for 4 h as under b).
- Store the culture overnight at  $(4 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Pour the culture into centrifuge tubes and centrifuge for 20 min at  $(4 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$  at 10 000g.
- Pipette the supernatant carefully to a sterilized tube.
- Filter bacteriophage containing supernatant suspension through a sterilized syringe filter unit to purify the bacteriophage solution.
- Determine the titre of the bacteriophage stock solution (see 9.6) and store at  $(4 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ .